

In re: Morrow et al.
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6. (Amended) The toneable conduit according to Claim 4, wherein the high elongation wire has a diameter of from about 0.32 mm to about 2.59 mm.

7. (Rewritten) A toneable conduit, comprising:
an elongate polymeric tube having a wall with an interior surface, an exterior surface, and a predetermined wall thickness; a channel extending longitudinally within the wall of the elongate polymeric tube; and a stabilizing rib extending longitudinally along the interior surface of the wall of the elongate polymeric tube and located radially inward from said channel; and
a continuous, high elongation wire coincident with the channel in the elongate polymeric tube, said wire coated with a coating composition formed of a polymeric material selected from the group consisting of fluoropolymers, polyamides, polyesters, polycarbonates, polypropylene, polyurethanes, polyacetals, polyacrylics, epoxies and silicone polymers that prevents the wire from adhering to the polymer melt used to form the polymeric tube;
said high elongation wire capable of transmitting a toning signal to allow the conduit to be detected by toning equipment and capable of being torn out of the polymeric tube to allow the conduit and wire to be coupled.

Please cancel Claims 15-29, without prejudice.

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31. (Amended) The method according to Claim 30, said providing steps comprising providing a first toneable conduit and a second toneable conduit wherein the high elongation wire in the first toneable conduit and in the second toneable conduit has an elongation of at least 1%.
